[See Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 44]

केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग परिसर, वसन्त विहार, नई दिल्ली में डाक घर और सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर की सुविधा।

1089. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग परिसर, वसन्त विहार, नई दिल्ली में न तो डाकघर और न ही सार्वजनिक टेलीफ़ोन घर की सुविधा उपलब्ध है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार की लोक हित में वहां पर इन सुविधाओं के उपलब्ध कराने की कोई योजना है, यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री, साथ में संचार मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी) : (क) जी हां। वसंतविहार स्थित केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग परिसर में डाकघर खोलना निर्धारित मानदण्डों के अनुसार औचित्यपूर्ण नहीं है क्योंकि यह परिसर वसंतविहार के दूसरे डाकघर से मात्र एक किलोमीटर की दूरी पर स्थित है । हाल ही में निर्मित होने के कारण वहां पर अभी तक सार्वजनिक टेलीफ़ोन सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई है ।

(ख) विभाग, केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग परिसर से आधा किलोमीटर से कम दूरी पर स्थित वसंत लोक में डाकघर भवन का निर्माण कर रहा है । इस नए भवन में वसंत विहार—II डाकघर को शिफ्ट किए जाने की संभावना है और जब यह शिफ्ट हो जाएगा तो केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग परिसर से यहां तक आसानी से पहुंचा जा सकेगा । जहां तक पी सी ओ का सम्बन्ध है यह सुविधा जल्दी ही सुलभ कराए जाने की सम्भावना है।

Copies of Satanic Versesin Delhi

1090. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stae:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Cyclostyled copies of 'Satanic Verses' sold in Delhi in the Daily Bombay dated the March 7, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Nosuch sale of cyclostyled copies of the banned book 'Satanic Verses' has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Poor reception of Urdu Service Programme of A.I.R. in the Country

1091. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI ! Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urdu Service of All India Radio is mainly an external service

(h) whether it is also a fact that the programmes of this service **are** also extremely popular in the country ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the reception of programmes of this service inside the country is extremely poor; and

(d) if so, what steps Governmeat propose to take to improve and strengthen this station for the listeners of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Urdu Service of All India Radio is basically a service which is directed to Urdu-speaking audiences of West and North-West Indian sub-continent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). In view of (a) above, this service is not expected to cover other areas inside the country. However, it has been the endeavour of All India Radio to extend coverage of this service to other areas subject to availability of financial resources.

Upgradation of Radio Station at Kanpur

1092. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MW radio station at Kanpur is of very weak KW;

(b) whether Government propose to upgrade and strengthen this radio station for the benefit of adjoining districts of Kanpur;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) There is a 1 KW MW Transmitter at Kanpur, providing Vividh Bharati/Commercial Service.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Vividh Bharati Service, the principal carrier of Commercials, is made available on low power transmitters (except at the for metros) to restrict its reach. Enlarging the reach of Vividh Bharati, comprising light entertainment programmes, may adversely affect listenership to the purposeful, utility programmes broadcast on the primary channel. Moreover, the upgradation. would necessitate upward revsion of the advertisement rates on the Vividh Bharati Channel and my adversely affect utilisation of the Commercial Broadcasting Service.

Shortwave Transmitter of AIR at Aligarh

1093. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortwave transmitter of AIR at Aligarh for external services;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no such transmitter at Aligarh for local population;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that there is enormous talent in Aligarh for AIR; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide a radio station at Aligarh for local people?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA)- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.